



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Martin John Hofmann  
Serial No.: 09/979,576 Art Unit: 1723  
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Title: CHROMATOGRAPHY COLUMNS  
Examiner: Ernest G. Therkorn  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The three-month period for responding to the Office action of February 21, 2003 expired on May 21, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response period be extended by three months until August 21, 2003. A check for the \$930.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

Joseph J. Corso

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8/20/2003

Date

Signature of Attorney

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$54.00 to cover the cost of the additional claim fee required by this amendment, specifically, the addition of 3 dependent claims in excess of 20.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.